

§ 18B-701. Powers and duties of local ABC boards.

(a) Powers. – A local board shall have authority to do all of the following:

- (1) **(Effective until July 1, 2022)** Buy, sell, transport, and possess alcoholic beverages as necessary for the operation of its ABC stores. If a local board provides delivery of spirituous liquor to a mixed beverages permittee, the local board may use its employees or contract with an independent contractor and may charge a fee to the permittee. A mixed beverage permittee may contract with an independent contractor to provide delivery of spirituous liquor from an ABC board's store or warehouse to the permittee's premises.
- (1) **(Effective July 1, 2022)** Buy, sell, transport, and possess alcoholic beverages as necessary for the operation of its ABC stores. In providing delivery of spirituous liquor to a mixed beverages permittee, as required by G.S. 18B-404(f), the local board may use its employees or contract with one or more independent contractors and may charge a fee to the permittee. A mixed beverage permittee may contract with an independent contractor to provide delivery of spirituous liquor from an ABC board's store or warehouse to the permittee's premises.
- (2) Adopt rules for its ABC system, subject to the approval of the Commission.
- (3) Hire and fire employees for the ABC system.
- (4) Designate one employee as manager of the ABC system and determine his responsibilities.
- (5) Require bonds of employees as provided in the rules of the Commission.
- (6) Operate ABC stores as provided in Article 8.
- (7) Issue purchase-transportation permits as provided in Article 4.
- (8) Employ local ABC officers or make other provision for enforcement of ABC laws as provided in Article 5.
- (9) Borrow money as provided in G.S. 18B-702.
- (10) Buy and lease real and personal property, and receive property devised or given, as necessary for the operation of the ABC system.
- (11) Invest surplus funds as provided in G.S. 18B-702.
- (12) Dispose of property in the same manner as a city council may under Article 12 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.
- (13) Perform any other activity authorized or required by the ABC law.

(b) Duties. – A local board shall have the duty to comply with all rules adopted by the Commission pursuant to this Chapter and meet all standards for performance and training established by the Commission pursuant to G.S. 18B-203(a)(20) and (21). Failure to comply with Commission rules shall be cause for removal. (1937, c. 49, ss. 10, 12; cc. 411, 431; 1939, c. 98; 1957, cc. 1006, 1334; 1963, c. 1119, s. 2; 1967, c. 1178; 1969, cc. 118, 902; 1971, c. 872, s. 1; 1973, cc. 85, 185; c. 1000, ss. 1, 2; 1977, c. 618; 1979, c. 467, s. 20; c. 617; 1981, c. 412, s. 2; 2010-122, s. 17; 2011-284, s. 13; 2019-182, s. 25(a); 2021-150, s. 30.2.)